



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tetsuo TANIGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09/593,800

Examiner: P. Natividad

Filed: June 15, 2000

Docket No.: 106514

For: STAGE DEVICE AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the May 7, 2003 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply
being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Remarks

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Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time
Information Disclosure Statement

Date: October 3, 2003

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